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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, AR (CAMPORA, HECTOR J.)

SUBJECT: CAMPORA RETURNS; RESIGNS AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO

1. SUMMARY. EXPRESIDENT CAMPORA RETURNED TO ARGENTINA UNDER STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES AND HAS REPORTEDLY RESIGNED AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. SOME PERONISTS SAY HE HAS BEEN "LIQUIDATED WITHIN PARTY" (FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, WE ASSUME). END SUMMARY

2. EXPRESIDENT CAMPORA RETURNED TO ARGENTINA UNANNOUNCED ON JUNE 25. ASSUMPTION THAT HE HAD RETURNED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S COMING VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES WAS CONTRADICTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL'S PRIVATE STATEMENT THAT MINISTRY HAD NO IDEA WHY CAMPORA CAME BACK OR WHAT HE'S UP TO AND BY MINISTRY'S SUBSEQUENT OFFICIAL STATEMENT INDICATING ARRANGMENTS FOR PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S TRIP WOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY BETWEEN GOM AND FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. TWO WELL PLACED PERONIST CONTACTS EXPRESSED OUTRAGE TO EMB OFFS OVER CAMPORA'S CONDUCT IN MEXICO AND REASONS FOR HIS RETURN. ON LATTER POINT, THEY REFUSED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, SAYING ONLY THAT HE HAD COME BACK TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN SKULDUGGERY (METERSE EN UNA MACANA). SUBSEQUENTLY, ONE OF THESE
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SOURCES REPORTED EXULTANTLY THAT CAMPORA HAD NOW GOTTEN WHAT HE

DESERVED AND WOULD BE REDUCED TO A ZERO FACTOR WITHIN PERONIST
MOVEMENT AND FIRED AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. RADIO REPORTS ON
JUNE 30 INDICATE CAMPORA HAS INDEED "RESIGNED" AS AMBASSADOR.

4. ONE POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION, WHICH EMBASSY CANNOT YET CONFIRM,
IS THAT CAMPORA CAME BACK TO LEND WEIGHT TO POWER STRUGGLE WHICH
HE PROBABLY BELIEVED HAD TAKEN ON NEW AND MORE URGENT SIGNIFICANCE
IN VIEW OF PERON'S ILLNESS.

5. FOR EMBASSY MEXICO CITY. DOES EMBASSY HAVE ANY INDICATION AS
TO REASONS FOR CAMPORA RETURN OR REGARDING CHARGES OF IMPROPER
CONDUCT IN MEXICO?
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